



**I WANT TO KNOW  
WHAT LOVE IS**

**February 11, 2018  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Trumpet Processional in G</i>	David German
Hymns #2235-b #2026-a	Siyahamba Halle, Halle, Hallelujah	FWS* FWS*
Call to Worship		Kay LaCombe
Sung Response #191	Jesus Loves Me	UMH**
Greeting Your Neighbor		
Invitation to Mission		
Time with Children		
Time of Prayer		
Prayer Song #2068	I Love You, Lord	FWS*
Offering Our Gifts and Tithes		
Mission Moment		
Musical Offering	<i>Swing Down, Chariot Sanctus</i>	arr. André Thomas
Doxology #95		UMH**
Scripture	1 Corinthians 13: 1-10, 13	CEB***
Music Ministry	Love Medley	
Message	I Want to Know What Love Is	Jeff Nelson
Hymn #77	How Great Thou Art	UMH**
Postlude	<i>Toccata on Love Divine, All Love's Excelling</i>	Matther Walicke

\* Faith We Sing

\*\* United Methodist Hymnal

\*\*\* Common English Bible



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 14  
7:00 PM**

**CRAFTED  
AND  
CALLED**



**Welcome  
to the  
Party!**

**Sunday,  
February 11  
2:00 pm**

# EVENTS



## Ash Wednesday

**February 14, 7:00 pm**

Every year, as the church prepares for Easter, we enter season called Lent. These 40 days help us refocus and remember who we are before the big celebration. We begin the season this week with a worship gathering called Ash Wednesday. At 7:00 pm on Wednesday, join us for this deep and powerful hour of worship.

## Fish Dinners are Here!

**February 23, March 9 & 23**

**4:30 – 7:00 pm**

Our famous fish dinners are back! Be sure to join us in February and March for our wonderful nights of food and fellowship. Adult meals start at just \$10. Flyers with more information are available in Fellowship Hall.



## Choir Camp Staff Applications

**Due Tomorrow!**



It isn't too early to start thinking about campfires, Olympics, swimming, and all the fun we have! Again this year we will be going to Camp Ohiyesa in Holly. Camp will be the week of July 22-28, 2018, so be sure to mark your calendars!

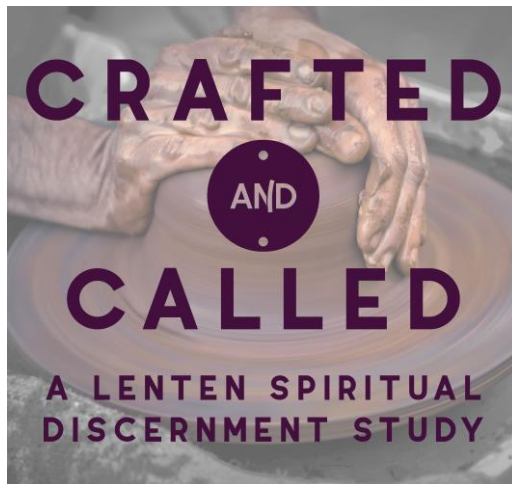
Camp staff applications will be available in the church office and the Missions Table. The deadline for submission is Sunday, February 11. We look forward to another wonderful year. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Tripoli at 248-703-8805 or [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).

## Crafted and Called

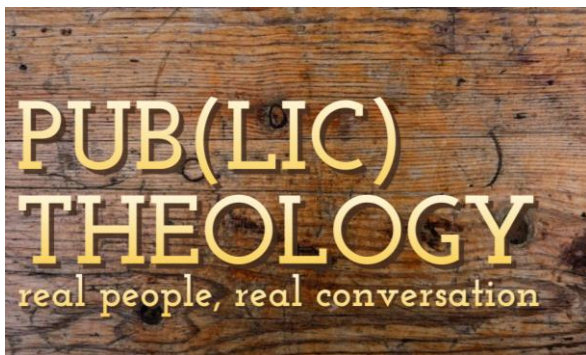
**Tuesdays during Lent, 7:00 pm**

**Prayer Service at 6:30 pm**

February has started and most of our New Year's resolutions are ancient history, but God isn't done with us. Starting Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 pm, all people are invited to gather at church to explore and learn more about the ways we've each been made unique and where God is calling us. There will be teaching, reflection, and table conversation. To help decompress from the day and re-center, there will be singing and silent prayer in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm before each session. For more information, contact the church office.



## Pub(lic) Theology Returns for Crafted and Called



Our Public Theology connecting group has been on hold during Faith & Film, and, to support our congregation-wide discipleship process, we made the decision to function as a table group for the Lenten Crafted & Called series! We will meet at the church at 7:00 pm and move to the Royal Oak Taphouse to do our table work. We offer real people, conversation about something that really matters, and (if you want) a really good beer.

## Big Boy Night for Music Guild

**Tuesday, February 27, 5:00-8:00 pm**

Join us on Tuesday, February 27, for our Big Boy Night! Come to the Big Boy at 30460 John R Rd in Madison Heights and enjoy dinner with your church family and 15% of your dinner tab (with a coupon) goes to the Royal Oak First United Methodist Music Guild to support Choir Camp. There are drawings for wonderful prizes and you get to eat where (almost) everybody knows your name! Contact Shirley Harris at [sharris@rofum.org](mailto:sharris@rofum.org) with any questions.



# OPPORTUNITIES

## Do you want to join our worship team?



You can be an important part of our worship team on your schedule! Communion servers are needed on the first Sunday of every month at the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Our 11:00 service needs Crucifers (the people who carry the cross) for the beginning and end of worship each Sunday.

You can help out once, twice, or as many times in the year as you choose. Contact Jennifer Semivan at [jsemivan@rofum.org](mailto:jsemivan@rofum.org) for more information.

## Men's Clothing Needed

On the last Monday of each month, the Fellowship Hall is transformed into a mini-clothing store with Men's, Women's, and Children's departments for our Lunch Guests. Our stock is running low and we need clothing, especially men's clothing. If you have any clothing or shoes you would like to donate, please bring it to church on weekends or any time during office hours (Monday-Friday, 9:00-4:00).



## Do you like to send birthday cards to your church friends?

Contact Sam Garrett at [sgarrett@rofum.org](mailto:sgarrett@rofum.org) and you can be added to our monthly birthday mailing list! The monthly birthday list is the first in a series of special mailing lists we are creating. Other optional mailings will include a weekly bulletin mailing, our weekly prayer chain, and more!

# PRAYER LIST

**Prayers for our church family:** Don and Marilyn McCreedy; Gerald Elliot; Mike Johnson; Marijean Kroell; Ann Moser; Bonnie Barber; Ethan Watkins; John Dorsey; Dick Bryan; Diana Shornak; Patti Cooper-Koerner; Ray & Betty Lawson; Bob Prud'homme; Jon & Lisa Rye; Sherry & Bob Giles; Dian Wurdock; The Lowman Family; Art Miller; Pam Shewchuck; Bob Demyanovich; Marilyn Hocking; Dori Bridson

**Prayers for our extended family:** Patricia Semivan; Kirt Taylor; Ethan Meade; Karen Halsig; Jonah Newblatt; Al Janney; Jan & Randy Hunt; Jerry Oberlander; Tim Walbridge; Harold Baker; Laura Vroman; Josh Williamson; Greg Lynn; Stewart Francke; Sarah Tamm; Shirley Gnegy; Marlene Yates; Cathy Wyker; Bill Kincannon; Richard Hoglund; Robert Lechner; Charles Prud'homme

**Homebound Member of the Week:** Clifford Anderson

Please contact our Pastoral Care Team at [pgill@rofum.org](mailto:pgill@rofum.org) with any prayer concerns.

## Letters for Ethan Watkins

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church member, Ethan Watkins, (pictured at the right) is currently stationed at Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo. We have been periodically sending him letters to let him know that he has the support of the entire church behind him. Well, we want to surprise him again. Let's send him another rush of love from the church!

You can send letters to him at  
1LT Ethan Watkins  
HHC 39 IBCT  
MNBG-E; S2  
APO, AE 09340

The overseas address may look funky, but don't worry! Postage to this address is just \$0.49.



# 2018 MISSIONS

HERE I AM LORD  
....SEND ME

The Missions Team of Royal Oak First United Methodist Church prays that you will join in to support these important ministries.

- 1. As We Gather/Bag lunch** Feeding the Hungry Matthew 24:40  
Provide hot lunch here & a bag lunch to go  
Saints and Scissors – monthly haircuts  
Clothing Closet – monthly  
Health checks – monthly
- 2. Lithuania Partnership** Be A Global Church Matthew 28:16-20  
Being in ministry with the Eastern Circuit Churches.
- 3. Local Partnerships**
  - NOAH Project** – offers an array of services for the local homeless community. We hold annual sock drives for them, provide sandwiches and attend annual dinners.
  - Redford/Brightmoor Initiative** – provides community assistance. We help with the Free Store, food assistance, and have an annual coat drive.
  - Methodist Children’s Home Society** – responds to the needs of abused and neglected Children. We provide birthday parties for the residents. Presents, decorations, food and cake!
  - Common Ground Sanctuary** – provides a lifeline for individuals and families in crisis. We’ve provided hundreds of pillows and blankets for the residents.
  - Covenant Health Clinic** - will be here once a month to work with our As We Gather guests, checking vitals, assisting them in making appointments and helping them through the healthcare maze.
  - Cass Community Social Services** – provides emergency, transitional, & permanent housing for homeless men, women, and children. They provide free medical services and offer vocational training. We donate food and clothing for their programs. Our United Methodist Women are very involved with this mission.
- 4. Making A Difference Days**
  - Hands 4 Detroit** – hands on projects to help the people in the community
  - Hands 4 Royal Oak** – serving the people of our community
  - Tool Time with Rippling Hope** – hands on projects helping the elderly in Detroit

WE HOPE TO DO MORE!

Thank you for your contributions to our mission projects. Both monetary gifts and the hands on gift of yourself.



# ROFUM REBITH UPDATE

As we move closer to a completion date of our building renovation, I wanted to take a few moments to update you on the progress and respond to questions that have been asked.

- Resolution has been reached with the City of Royal Oak and the long-awaited inspections have been done. T.H. Marsh, General Contractor has been approved to move forward on some critical work on the third floor which will allow sub-contractors to complete their work.
- We are at 75% completion of the project. The rough construction is mostly complete, and the craftsmen are now starting the finish work. Fixtures and partitions are being installed in the washrooms, new windows on the north wall are complete, the elevator is in place, floor leveling materials have been scheduled to be poured and the operable wall between the Parlor and the Gathering Space is being prepped for installation.
- The cabinets for the nursery and toddler rooms have been installed as well as the custom wood and glass walls for the Library/Conference room area.
- The beverage counter is starting to come together and new slate in the Narthex has been installed. The original slate will be stripped down to its natural beauty and a new protective finish will blend the old with the new.
- In regard to the lien by T.H. Marsh: By statute, T.H. Marsh would have 90 days after project completion to file a lien. It was aggressive on their part to file this so early and it does make conversations a bit more difficult as we work through the many change orders.
- As change orders are resolved and approved, funds are released to T.H. Marsh and the amount of the lien starts to reduce. There are still significant ongoing issues that are discussed on a weekly basis with some agreements being made so that work can proceed.
- Please be aware that we think we see the light at the end of the tunnel, however, we continue to work diligently with our General Contractor, Architect and legal counsel while maintaining the Church's overall interests.
- Questions? Please direct specific project questions to Bob Prud'homme, Owners Representative by emailing him at [bobp@rofum.org](mailto:bobp@rofum.org). It is our intention to update you on a more regular basis as we close in on completion.

Charlene Kondrat  
Chairperson of Trustees

# SCHEDULE

## Sunday, February 11 – Scout Sunday

9:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery – Fellowship Hall; Preschool – Room #405	
	Lower Elementary (K-2) – Room #402	
	Upper Elementary (3-5) – Room #403	
	Middle School (6-8) – Room #414	
12:15 pm	Coffee Hour & Hot Dog Lunch hosted by Boy Scouts ....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Welcome to the Party.....	Parsonage
3:00 pm	<i>Truth &amp; Reconciliation</i> Screening.....	Southfield Hope
5:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals.....	Choir Room & Room #414
6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale.....	Sanctuary & Choir Room
6:45 pm	Youth Group Dinner.....	Fellowship Hall
7:15 pm	Youth Group .....	Fellowship Hall

## Monday, February 12

9:30 am	Core Meetings .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Core Directors Meeting .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop .....	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Faith Abilities .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Pub(lic) Theology.....	Ale Mary's
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga.....	Sanctuary

## Tuesday, February 13

10:00 am	Tuesday Morning Pastor's Book Group.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Sermon Practice .....	Sanctuary
11:45 am	ROga (ROFUM Chair Yoga) .....	Choir Room
3:30 pm	Piano Lessons .....	Choir Room
7:00 pm	Men's Basketball.....	Jane Addams Elementary School
7:00 pm	Staff/Parish Relations Committee .....	Church Office
7:00 pm	Women's Book and Bible Study.....	Sanctuary

## Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

9:30 am	Bulletin Meeting .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Organ Practice.....	Sanctuary

### **Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday (Continued)**

11:30 am	ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) .....	The Avenue Restaurant
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Soul Stretch Yoga .....	Room #414
8:00 pm	Knowledge Circle .....	Fellowship Hall
7:30 pm	Nar-Anon .....	Room #403

### **Thursday, February 15**

7:00 am	Men's Morning Fellowship .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	As We Gather Service .....	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Organ Practice .....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Sanctus Choir Rehearsal .....	Choir Room

### **Friday, February 16**

9:00 am	Event Planning Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	As We Gather Bible Study .....	Choir Room
10:30 am	Lunch Program .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Therapeutic Rehab Sandwich Making .....	Kitchen

### **Saturday, February 17**

4:00 pm	Saturday Afternoon Worship .....	Sanctuary
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### **Sunday, February 18 – Welcoming New Members**

9:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Nursery, Preschool, & K-3 – Fellowship Hall	
10:15 am	Coffee Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Worship .....	Sanctuary
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6:00 pm	Cantata Chorale .....	Sanctuary & Choir Room
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# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Today, I am writing to tell you about two new staffing positions that have started here at Royal Oak First.

## **Nursery and Childcare Coordinator**



One of the exciting things that has happened in the last year is that we have more babies and toddlers running around. We are excited for the joy and energy they bring. One of the main reasons behind the ROFUM Rebirth and the building renovation was to create space for children and youth. We are committed to making sure that responsible childcare is available for all of our worship services and other events.

So, it is with great excitement that I introduce to you Ashley Erard. Ashley grew up here at Royal Oak First. She is a graduate of Berkley High School, has a degree in Special Education from Central Michigan University, and is currently working towards her Masters at Saginaw Valley State. Ashley is preschool teacher, working with special needs children in St. Claire County. She is married to AJ and has an adorable 14-month-old daughter, Eloise. We are excited to welcome Ashley to our team and are excited for all the ways she will help us make Christ's love real to our infants and toddlers.

## **Parking Lot Attendant**

One of the other challenges facing a growing downtown church is parking. We are excited to inform the congregation that on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 1:00 to 4:00, there will be an attendant at the entrance to the parking lot, ensuring that there is available space for our members and people coming to our programming at those times. This should ensure that people attending Holy COW, Sanctus Choir Rehearsals, and Saturday Worship all have the ability to park. The attendant will be wearing an identification vest and name tag. There is never a fee to park. Hopefully, this will help all of us get to the programs we are attending without the worry of finding parking!

It is great to be able offer these services to our growing congregation.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeff  
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.